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Attorney Docket No. 243149US2CONT

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Title DIGITAL IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) Total Sheets 7

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7. ☒ Assignment Papers (Reel No. 9844, Frame No. 0129)

8. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

9. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney

10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS
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12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ White Advance Serial No. Postcard

14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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15. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

16. ☒ Other: REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below:

☒ Continuation

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of prior application no.: 09/220,345

Prior application information:

Examiner: GRANT, II

Group Art Unit: 2624

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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/220,345, filed 12/14/98, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	9-360937	December 26, 1997
Japan	10-042353	February 24, 1998

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/220,345 filed 12/24/98

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number

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☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

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